

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1 1. A computer readable recording medium recording
2 thereon a program, which causes a computer to execute:
3 a process operation for storing a print command
4 converted from print data into a memory;
5 a process operation for reading the stored print
6 command to transmit the read print command to a printing
7 apparatus; and
8 a process operation for rendering a storage area of
9 said memory where said print command has been stored,
10 rewritable when said print command is read out.

1 2. A recording medium as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
2 said recording medium records thereon a program for
3 causing said computer to execute a process operation by
4 which data for controlling read/write operation of a print
5 command to said memory is produced, and said control data
6 is stored into another storage area of said memory.

1 3. A recording medium as claimed in claim 2 wherein:
2 said recording medium records thereon a program
3 containing a size of said memory and a data amount
4 presently stored in said memory as said control data.

1 4. A recording medium as claimed in claim 2 wherein:

2 said recording medium records thereon a program
3 containing information indicative of a position within said
4 memory where said print command is stored as said control
5 data.

1 5. A recording medium as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
2 said recording medium records thereon a program for
3 causing the computer to further execute;
4 a process operation for acquiring an index
5 indicative of a stored amount of said print command within
6 said memory; and
7 a process operation for stopping a process operation
8 for storing said print command into the memory when said
9 index is larger than, or equal to a first preset threshold
10 value.

1 6. A recording medium as claimed in claim 5 wherein:
2 said recording medium records thereon a program for
3 causing the computer further to execute:
4 a process operation for stopping a process operation
5 for reading said stored print command when said index is
6 smaller than, or equal to a second preset threshold value.

1 7. A recording medium as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
2 said recording medium records thereon a program for
3 causing the computer to further execute.

4 a process operation for acquiring an index
5 indicative of a stored amount of said print command within
6 said memory; and

7 a process operation for stopping a process operation
8 for reading said stored print command when said index is
9 smaller than, or equal to a second preset threshold value.

1 8. A recording medium as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

2 said recording medium records thereon a program for
3 causing the computer further to execute:

4 a process operation for storing said converted print
5 command into a file having such a nature that a print
6 command is saved until a print job is ended, when a print
7 job contains an instruction for printing plural sheets of
8 the same page.

1 9. A recording medium as claimed in claim 8 wherein:

2 said recording medium records thereon a program for
3 causing the computer further to execute:

4 a process operation for storing, when said print
5 command cannot be saved in said file, the not-yet-saved
6 print command into said memory.

1 10. A printing control method for controlling writing
2 and transmitting of a print command, which comprises:

3 a process operation for storing a print command

4 converted from print data into a memory;
5 a process operation for reading the stored print
6 command to transmit the read print command to a printing
7 apparatus; and
8 a process operation executed for rendering a storage
9 area of said memory where said print command has been
10 stored rewritable when a print command is read out.

1 11. A printing control method as claimed in claim 10
2 which further comprises:

3 a process operation for acquiring an index
4 indicative of a stored amount of said print command within
5 said memory; and

6 a process operation for stopping, when said index is
7 larger than, or equal to a first preset threshold value,
8 such a process operation for storing said print command
9 into the memory.

1 12. A printing control method as claimed in claim 11
2 which further comprises:

3 a process operation for stopping, when said index is
4 smaller than, or equal to a second preset threshold value,
5 such a process operation for reading said stored print
6 command.

1 13. A printing control method as claimed in claim 10

2 which further comprises:

3 a process operation for storing, when a print job
4 contains an instruction for printing plural sheets of the
5 same page, said converted print command into a file having
6 such a nature that a print command is saved until a print
7 job is ended.

1 14. A printing control method as claimed in claim 13
2 which further comprises:

3 a process operation for storing, when said print
4 command cannot be saved in said file, said not-yet-saved
5 print command into said memory.

1 15. A printing control apparatus for controlling
2 writing/transmitting operations of a print command,
3 comprising:

4 means which stores a print command converted from
5 print data into a memory;

6 means which reads the stored print command to
7 transmit the read print command to a printing apparatus;
8 and

9 means which renders, when a print command is read
10 out, the storage area of said memory where said print
11 command has been stored rewritable.

1 16. A printing control apparatus as claimed in claim 15,

2 further comprising:

3 means which acquires an index indicative of a stored
4 amount of said print command within said memory; and

5 means which stops, when said index is larger than,
6 or equal to a first preset threshold value, such a process
7 operation for storing said print command into the memory.

1 17. A printing control apparatus as claimed in claim 16,
2 further comprising:

3 means which stops, when said index is smaller than,
4 or equal to a second preset threshold value, such a process
5 operation for reading said stored print command.

1 18. A printing control apparatus as claimed in claim 15,
2 further comprising:

3 means which stores, when a print job contains an
4 instruction for printing plural sheets of the same page,
5 said converted print command into a file having such a
6 nature that a print command is saved until a print job is
7 ended.

1 19. A printing control apparatus as claimed in claim 18,
2 further comprising:

3 means which stores, when said print command cannot
4 be saved in said file, the not-yet-saved print command into
5 said memory.

1 20. A computer readable recording medium for recording
2 thereon a program for causing a computer to execute:
3 a converting/storing process operation for
4 converting print data into a print command having a
5 predetermined format and for storing the converted print
6 command into a first memory;
7 a first stopping process operation for stopping said
8 converting/storing process operation in the case that a
9 ratio of a print command amount stored into said first
10 memory to a storage capacity of said first memory is larger
11 than, or equal to a first threshold value;
12 a reading/storing process operation for reading said
13 stored print command and for storing said read print
14 command into a second memory;
15 a transmitting process operation for transmitting
16 the print command stored into said second memory to a
17 printing apparatus;
18 a releasing process operation for executing a
19 process operation such that a storage area of said first
20 memory from which said print command is read is rewritable;
21 a second stopping process operation for stopping
22 said reading/storing process operation in the case that a
23 ratio of a print command amount stored into said first
24 memory to the storage capacity of said first memory is
25 smaller than, or equal to a second threshold value; and
26 a third stopping process operation for stopping said

27 reading/storing process operation in such a case that a
28 ratio of a print command amount stored into said second
29 memory to a storage capacity of said second memory is
30 larger than, or equal to a third threshold value.

1 21. A printing control method comprising:

2 a converting/storing step for converting print data
3 into a print command having a predetermined format and for
4 storing said converted print command into a first memory;

5 a first stopping step for stopping said
6 converting/storing step in the case that a ratio of a print
7 command amount stored into said first memory to a storage
8 capacity of said first memory is larger than, or equal to a
9 first threshold value;

10 a reading/storing step for reading said stored print
11 command and for storing said read print command into a
12 second memory;

13 a transmitting step for transmitting the print
14 command stored into said second memory to a printing
15 apparatus;

16 a releasing step for executing a process operation
17 such that a storage area of said first memory from which
18 said print command is read is rewritable;

19 a second stopping step for stopping said
20 reading/storing step in the case that a ratio of a print
21 command amount stored into said first memory to the storage

22 capacity of said first memory is smaller than, or equal to
23 a second threshold value; and
24 a third stopping step for stopping said
25 reading/storing step in such a case that a ratio of a print
26 command amount stored into said second memory to a storage
27 capacity of said second memory is larger than, or equal to
28 a third threshold value.

1 22. A printing control apparatus comprising:
2 converting/storing means which converts print data
3 into a print command having a predetermined format and for
4 storing said converted print command into a first memory;
5 first stopping means which stops said
6 converting/storing means in the case that a ratio of a
7 print command amount stored into said first memory to a
8 storage capacity of said first memory is larger than, or
9 equal to a first threshold value;
10 reading/storing means which reads said stored print
11 command and for storing said read print command into a
12 second memory;
13 transmitting means which transmits the print command
14 stored into said second memory to a printing apparatus;
15 releasing means which executes a process operation
16 such that a storage area of said first memory from which
17 said print command is read is rewritable;
18 second stopping means which stops said

19 reading/storing means in the case that a ratio of a print
20 command amount stored into said first memory to the storage
21 capacity of said first memory is smaller than, or equal to
22 a second threshold value; and

23 third stopping means which stops said
24 reading/storing means in such a case that a ratio of a
25 print command amount stored into said second memory to a
26 storage capacity of said second memory is larger than, or
27 equal to a third threshold value.